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The Work of Fusion.

Everybody who intends to vote the Fusion ticket next Tuesday, should ask himself the results of ten months of Fusion are such as to justify a sensible man in wanting more of it. What have the results been? Bigger taxes, more extravagant expenditures, a wealth of extra appropriations, ever-growing estimates, unequal, harassing, and unintelligent administration of the excise laws and certain municipal ordinances.

In short, the citizen pays more and enjoys himself less than he did in Tammany times. Besides, the Fusion municipal administration is composed in about equal parts of old Republican and occasional Democratic hacks, and of bumptious and wrangling amateur incompetents. The town is governed more expensively and less wisely.

Anybody who thinks that more taxes and less freedom are boons eagerly to be sought, and blessed of attainment, should vote for the Fusion ticket. Contrary-minded will say No! and may the Noes have it.

Don't Clither; Vote!

Our alert and energetic fellow citizen, EDWARD LAUTERBACH, Chairman of the Republican County Committee, has, in his quasi-official position, issued what may be called an "advance sheet" of next Tuesday's canvass. It is as follows: "Total vote to be cast, 250,000. Fusion ticket, 125,000; Tammany, 100,000; 'Flop-around' (including Goo Goo), 10,000; spoiled ballots, 10,000."

In the judgment of computers of longer experience than Mr. LAUTERBACH, not connected with that remarkable vote-getting conceit, the Republican county organization, the Hon. EDWARD PUTT, too high the probable total vote, the probable fusion vote, and the probable irregular or defective vote in "spoiled ballots" he puts at too low a figure the probable Tammany vote, and what he flippantly calls the "flop-around, including the Goo Goo." Citizens of this town who desire to get in advance of election authentic prognostications by competent persons should wait until the leaders of Tammany Hall, who know the local situation much better than do any of their opponents, either in the Fusion Bund or out of it, furnish their estimates of the probable vote on Tuesday next and the probable division of it between the various party organizations.

Democrats have, most of them, something better to do and more important work on hand this week than a useless indulgence in idle prophecy. The Democracy of New York is in a battle this year which is important for its prospects a year hence. The Democratic voters of other States are fighting manfully to carry their party colors to victory, and the Democrats of New York, always at the head of the triumphant column when a triumph is possible, will lose no time in discussing election figures or in estimates which less than a week hence may be entirely overthrown. The thing to do is to vote the ticket with the star at the head and to vote for it or rather to mark it early in the day on Tuesday.

Interview the Mayor!

Our discontented contemporary, the Evening Post, ever forward in agreeable reforms, has begun a crusade against those pernicious individuals who chew tobacco and exhortate in public places. The Post seems to be very much in earnest about this reform. It prints letters from its readers approving its effort, and it depicts the repulsive practices with striking realism and faithful anatomical detail.

It is obvious, however, that a propaganda of this sort to be really effective should not content itself with mere newspaper exhortations, but should look to certain fitting changes in our municipal ordinances. We make bold to suggest to the Post that it enlist on its side the chief public functionary, our worthy Mayor, not more by the prominence of his official station than by the well-known delicacy and fastidiousness of his own habits, can lend dignity and authority to the cause.

The public is waiting to hear from the Mayor. No chewing! No spitting!

The Shrinking of a Notoriety.

There are some reputations which cannot be warranted not to shrink. During the LEXOW weeks and the municipal campaign of 1894 the stature of Dr. PARKHURST, the great saltatorial reformer, seemed to be about three hundred and seventy-five feet high. It was magnified just as his assertions were. The man was a sort of inflated balloon. His voice died in the air, his talking, his collecting of signatures, all over the town like windmills. East, west, north, and south, in all parts of the island and annexed district, he sped on invulnerable feet and shouted with innumerable lungs.

After the election his apparent stature was seven hundred and fifty feet, and he continued to consume twelve gross of hats a day for eleocutionary purposes. People came from California to look at him. He was the biggest boss visible in a world of bosses. He was the greatest man on earth.

After organizing the reform administration, terrorizing the Legislature, and issuing his general orders as to how the country should try to do the best it could in his absence, he sailed for Europe and left reform infeasible. By the time he got to Switzerland he was a head and shoulders taller than the Matterhorn, and the Lake of Geneva was hardly big enough to make a hand glass for him. Occasionally he was warned the Atlantic Ocean and the friends of reform with a cheering message or broke down the cable with one of his inimitable cominatory yawns. The reformers waited for him with appealing hands and streaming eyes. Who could save them if not he? Who else could reform with so much speed, reverboration, and bang? When he came, the faithful thought to find him overtopping the Himalayas. There is no reason to suppose that his estimate of his stature doesn't agree with that of the town. But alas! new reforms, new laws, new mixtures have arisen. The public is now weary. The man that avail-

lows fire is an interesting spectacle enough, but in the course of time you become familiar with his performance and do not care to see it longer. Dr. PARKHURST is still in town, we believe; and if he is, he must be making speeches and issuing proclamations every five minutes of the day and evening, but he is seldom heard of. His voice no longer possesses the air to the exclusion of all other sounds. PIERRE TUCKER or THOMAS J. MCMAHON or the Hon. F. GROTE is already a bigger man than Dr. PARKHURST. FRANK D. PAREY, D. D. SULLIVAN, ALEXANDER S. WILLIAMS, and plenty more are now more famous and listened to more attentively. In the mere matter of size the dancing dervish has suffered enormous losses. His head no longer hits the clouds. He is scarcely visible without the aid of a microscope. Stranger of all, he is becoming inaudible.

Where is DENIS KEARNEY? Where is MARTIN IROKS? Nay, what is more and most of all, where is PARKHURST?

The Man Who Laughs.

It must be hard work for the Hon. THOMAS COLLIER PLATT to keep a straight face these days. His riddles must be filled with ever waking minute, and gusts of ecstasies shake the bedstead whereon he reposes placidly after his day's work, at 40 Broadway and at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, is done. If he should flee to the woods or the mountains for a day, and give the whole twenty-four hours to undisturbed, long laughter, it might be better for his constitution. These suppressed chuckles and grins internal cannot be healthful. It is cruel that Mr. PLATT must beat down his joy. Even a member of that unhappy tribe in Ceylon which has never learned the art of laughter, would giggle into fits if he were in Mr. PLATT's place just now.

The Committee of Fifty, the potent and wise signifiers of the Chamber of Commerce, the surviving Mugwumps, the Union League Club, trailing robes of glory behind it, and swimming in the better element, all or almost all Mr. PLATT's old enemies, are marching behind him, obediently if not in the best spirits and order. To all of them he has given the glad hand. He has bewitched them all with the charm of Fusion. They cluster after him like the children of Hamelin after the Pied Piper. The joy of the show is that, if the Fusion ticket wins, Mr. PLATT's grip upon the town will be increased, and likewise the labors and tribulations of his Republican and Mugwump adversaries. They are working for his aggrandizement and their own discomfort. In their panic fear of the tiger they have sought refuge with the wolf. Their distressing situation is worthy of the sympathy of the humane; but sympathy is swallowed up in innocent merriment.

The Reported Understanding Between Russia and Japan.

Amid the excitement caused by a despatch from Hong Kong, since contradicted but still believed to be correct, that China has agreed by treaty to grant Russia the naval stronghold of Port Arthur, together with important railway concessions, the London press asserted that in resisting the execution of such a treaty Great Britain could count on the assistance of the United States, Germany, and Japan. We scarcely thought it worth while to refute the ridiculous assumption that an American Congress would consent to play England's game in the Pacific. But we pointed out that the known relations of the St. Petersburg and Berlin Governments, coupled with the fact that Germany had joined with Russia and France in inviting the Mikado to name an early date for the evacuation of Port Arthur, rendered it probable that WILLIAM II. would acquiesce in the czar's occupation of that harbor in consideration of a reasonable *quid pro quo*. We observed, further, that England had missed the chance of gaining the firm friendship of the Tokio Government, and that events were tending to promote a cordial understanding between Russia and Japan.

The latest news corroborates the forecast. It appears that WILLIAM II. has secured in advance his *quid pro quo*. According to a despatch from Berlin an agreement was signed on Oct. 29 by which China has made to Germany a "crown concession," that is to say, a tract of territory wherein the subjects of the German empire will be wholly independent of the Chinese authorities. We also learn by a telegram from London that a rumor has gained credence there in diplomatic circles that a Russian-Japanese alliance has been practically decided on. The early conclusion of such a treaty is not improbable, for recent despatches to the Times have attested the activity of a strong pro-Russian party in the Council of Ministers. Tokyo and the Council of Ministers, the natural outcome of the existing situation. At the stage which the Eastern question has been suffered to reach through England's neglect to seize a fleet opportunity, Japan has ceased to have anything to gain from England, while she has much to hope for from the czar in the way not only of immediate advantages, but of the prospective expansion of her island empire through the addition of insular possessions further south.

By the treaty of Shimonoeki the Tokio Government believed that it had secured a basis for becoming a great continental power. It was already in possession of Korea, and China had not only ceded to it in perpetuity the adjoining section of Manchuria, including the Liaun Tung peninsula to China in return for extra temporary compensation. Had the Tokio Government not been assured of the backing of the British war fleet, it would have defied the czar, but no such assurances were given, and there was, therefore, no alternative to submission. The Tokio Government was under no illusion as to what such submission meant. It recognized that it must abandon the dream of continental aggrandizement, for the powers that had deplored Japan of the Liaun Tung peninsula would never suffer her to keep Wei-hai-wei, while Korea, isolated, would not be worth the cost of its retention.

Under the circumstances there was nothing left for the Mikado's Ministers to do but to make the best of their disappointment, and by showing a friendly face to Russia make sure that at least the money obtained by China through the czar's guarantee would be used to pay the war indemnity. Nor was this the only reason leading far-sighted men to believe that in the changed situation Russia's friendship would be of value to Japan. Cut off from conquest on the Asiatic mainland by the non-execution of the Shimonoeki treaty, the Japanese aspirations could still turn to an immense extension of their island empire through the gradual acquisition of the southerly insular groups. Nearest among these is the group of the Philippines, which in Japanese hands would obtain a more vigorous development than it has received from Spain. In such a programme, however, no co-operation or connivance could be looked for from Great Britain, which considers herself the owner or the heir of the whole East Indian Archipelago, and only tolerates the occupation of parts of it by weak powers like Spain and Holland, which she could at any moment dispossess. England knows that if the Japanese once gained a footing in the Philippines, they would conquer and civilize the whole group, which the Spaniards have not done, and would thenceforth adopt it as their mission to discharge the same civilizing function for the great islands of Borneo, Celebes, and Sumatra.

That is a noble and benign mission, which England will never willingly allow to pass to the hands of the Japanese. It is a mission which should be entrusted to the hands of the United States, and secondly, that whenever the summit of the mountain which the czar has pushed the button and the name of Gen. TRACY, the original political cuckoo, appeared among the victims of the carnage.

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Secretary HERBERT will now have a double motive for hurrying the Indians into the Port Royal dock as soon as she has been formally accepted. In the first place, he wishes to test the dock itself, so as to show that it is suitable for our very latest vessels, and, next, the published assertion that the battleship touched two or three times in the Delaware, while returning to League Island from her trial trip, makes it desirable to know whether this is so, and whether, if so, she received any injury. The builders say that examination shows that the battleship has not been struck anything, and that she is all right. It is therefore probable that in the Port Royal dock, the only one on the Atlantic coast that will hold her, this statement will be confirmed.

Our electioneering clergymen ought to hold a council and draw up articles of political religion, to which all must subscribe before they take the stage. The popular faith in clerical politics must be weakened by the total lack of agreement either as to principles or parties, either as to candidates or machines, among the electioneering members of the clergy. Clergymen ought to command the full confidence of their flock.

For opening up a large tract of territory that now belongs to us, and to the Dutch of Holland for setting upon the island group which we inhabit, and to the English for leaving our shores after they had hovered about them for a century, and to the United States for giving to us a dominion of vast size, in which there is gold that the Canadians would like to get.

The truth is, that we are under obligations to so many foreign countries that we can never hope to meet them in any other way than by giving them an illustration of the loveliness of American freedom.

Encouraged by the tardy but inspiring words of the Hon. GROVER CLEVELAND, the Democrats of the town of Albany have on their hands the task of electing their local candidates on Tuesday next, as all good Democrats in other municipalities with or without the stimulus of the czar's guarantee, are doing. The House sent six days in advance of election should do wherever they are able. Mr. TRACY, the gentleman to whom this communication was sent, was defeated in the Albany district, a Democratic stronghold until March 4, 1893, by a majority of 1,000 by a Republican in a battle fought on national lines formulated, devised, and approved by Mr. CLEVELAND. In the political tidal wave of a year ago Mr. CLEVELAND pushed the button and the name of Gen. TRACY, the original political cuckoo, appeared among the victims of the carnage.

In offering his "cordial congratulations" on the "wise and patriotic" declaration of the Democratic platform, concerning "the leading questions before the American people," Mr. CLEVELAND makes no allusion in his letter to Gen. TRACY of that overwhelming and overshadowing local issue, upon which, to the neglect of all other matters, the czar has come, tax, foreign affairs, forestry preservation, canal improvement, or Indian affairs, the Democratic voters of Albany are or were until they heard from Mr. CLEVELAND marching to a positive and assured victory over their Republican opponents. We refer to the proposition to which the Democratic candidate, Mayor of Albany, is irrevocably and unconditionally committed: the removal of Union College from Schenectady to Albany.

To that question Mr. CLEVELAND makes no reference. Neither does he refer to the encouragement which he has given to two Republican candidates in the field for Mayor of Albany against a United Democracy.

A correspondent calls our attention to the fact that by the operation of the new Constitution of the Hon. HENRY A. GILBERTSLEEVE will, on Jan. 1 next, be transferred from the Superior Court to the Supreme Court. Having been for some years a member of the Court, and having, in fact, he has had an extensive experience in criminal cases and will form a worthy colleague of the Hon. FREDERICK SMITH, whom the people propose to elect to the bench of the Supreme Court on Tuesday next.

If the soldier who subdued the rebellious Carlists in Spain, and frightened the Riffs in Morocco, and the Malays of the Caroline Islands, and is the greatest of the Spanish commanders, the favorite of royalty, the hope of the Ministry, the last of the Conquistadores, and the most famous of the Pacificators, Marshal MARTINEZ CAMPOS, has been unable, after nearly a year of warfare, and with a large army and navy, to conquer the Cuban insurgents, to whom can Spain look for help, and in what direction shall she turn her eyes? England will never come to her relief; be sure of that. Not a Government of Europe will raise a finger in her behalf; that is certain. No wonder that Spain waits anxiously for favorable news from Washington.

The Government has taken the first steps toward punishing the murderers of the Hannock Indians at Jackson's Hole by procuring indictments from the Grand Jury and making arrests under them. Whether a jury of the neighborhood will convict the culprits is another matter; but to have secured indictments is a triumph.

These Indians were hunting under rights purchased from the Government under regular treaties. Montana was made a State subject to the existing contracts, so that to arrest these Indians was to violate the law. Under the treaty rights, on the ground that they were violating game laws, and then to shoot down some of them because they tried to escape, was a shameful outrage.